Research Notes for Patrick Devine

Research Overview:

Patrick Devine's life is documented only in its later stages, yet when viewed alongside that of his brother John Devine, a clearer—if still incomplete—picture emerges.

Patrick and John Devine were brothers, born in Ireland, possibly County Kildare, in the early nineteenth century, who lived for a time in New Jersey before ultimately settling in eastern Iowa, where they owned and worked a farm together. This relationship is supported not only by later household and land associations but also by the continued integration of their families after Patrick's death, when Patrick's widow and children became part of John Devine's household.

Despite this confirmed sibling relationship, Patrick Devine remains largely undocumented before his 1848 marriage to Rosanna Sheridan Farrally in Madison, Morris County, New Jersey. He entered marriage later than was typical for the period, pointing to an earlier life not yet visible in the records. From that marriage forward, Patrick appears consistently in the documentary record until he died in Iowa in 1859. This research begins where the records begin—with Patrick's 1848 marriage—and with the unanswered question of what came before.

John Devine's life provides essential context for understanding Patrick. John married Mary Fox in 1835 in the Balyna Catholic parish, County Kildare, Ireland, and their children were baptized in the nearby townlands of Kilmore and Clonagh. Patrick has not been identified in Irish parish records, leaving John's documented origins as the only evidence currently available for Patrick's place of birth.

The absence of earlier Devine or Fox families in this area points to family movement within Ireland before John's marriage, raising the possibility that the Devines originated elsewhere in Leinster, including County Meath.

Patrick Devine and John Devine were brothers born in Ireland in the early nineteenth century, who maintained both family and economic ties after emigrating to the United States. While John's Irish origins are partially documented, Patrick's remain unresolved.

Speculative Narrative:

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Time Line:

1803 - Birth at possibly at County Kildare, Ireland.[1]

Birth Family Context - Patrick Devine was born in Ireland about 1803, but no record has yet been identified that names his parents or places him in a specific parish or townland. The strongest clues to Patrick's birth family come through his brother, John Devine. John married Mary Fox in 1835 in the Balyna Catholic parish, County Kildare, Ireland, and their children were baptized in the nearby townlands of Kilmore and Clonagh. Although Patrick has not been identified in Irish parish records, John's documented origins provide the most concrete geographic framework currently available for Patrick's early life. The absence of the Devine or Fox families in the Kilmore and Clonagh area before John's marriage suggests family movement into that locality, raising the possibility that the Devines originated elsewhere in Leinster, including County Meath.

Patrick and John later maintained close family and economic ties in the United States, ultimately settling in eastern Iowa, where they owned and worked a farm together. After Patrick died in 1859, his widow and children became part of John Devine's household.

No records have yet been identified for Patrick Devine between his birth in Ireland and his appearance in New Jersey at the time of his marriage in 1848.

12 Aug 1848 - Marriage to Roseanna Sheridan (1811 - 1875) at Madison, Morris, New Jersey.[2]

[1] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV26-76MS : 10 June 2020), Patrick Devine, 1859; Burial,; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[2] "New Jersey Marriages, 1678-1985", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZ52-FY5: 20 January 2020), Patrick Divine, 1848.

Witnesses: Peter Sheridan and Margaret Smith. "Marriage of Patrick Devine and Rosanna Farrally, 12 August 1848 by B.J. McQuaid, Catholic Pater at Madison." Patrick was 45 at the time of this marriage, so he likely had a previous wife and children.

9 Sep 1849 - Birth of son William Henry Devine (1849 - 1916) at Rockaway, Morris, New Jersey.[3]

1850 - US Census at Rockaway, Morris, New Jersey.[4]

Patrick Darine, 40
Roseanna Darine, 34
Owen Darine, 6
William Devine, 1

12 Feb 1853 - Birth of daughter Bridget Devine (1853 - 1863) at Rockaway, Morris, New Jersey.[5]

1 Sep 1854 - Birth of daughter Roseanna Devine (1854 - 1931) at Rockaway, Morris, New Jersey.[6]

1856 - Iowa State Census at Monticello, Jones, Iowa.[7]

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Family Connections - By the mid-1850s, Patrick Devine was living in eastern Iowa with his brother John Devine. The two men owned and worked

[3] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVK4-3KSV: 11 January 2022), William Henry Devine, ; Burial, El Reno, Canadian, Oklahoma, United States of America, El Reno Cemetery; citing record ID 33272962, *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[4] 1850 United States Federal Census; Year: 1850; Census Place: Rockaway, Morris, New Jersey; Roll: M432_459; Page: 335A; Image:

[5] "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZQX-W89: 18 January 2020), Bridget Devine, 1853.

[6] "New Jersey Births and Christenings, 1660-1980", , *FamilySearch* (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FZQX-796: 18 January 2020), Rosanna Devine, 1854.

[7] Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925; Patrick Divine

a farm together, reflecting an active family and economic partnership. Patrick's move from New Jersey to Iowa aligns with John's presence there and suggests the brothers settled together rather than independently.

28 Dec 1859 - Death at Monticello, Jones, Iowa.[8]

Apr - Burial at Castle Grove Catholic Cemetery at Monticello, Jones, Iowa.[9]

Naming Patterns - None of Patrick Devine's children, nor his stepson Owen Farley, is known to have given the name Patrick to a male child. In Irish Catholic families, given names were commonly reused across generations, particularly those of paternal and maternal grandparents. The complete absence of the name Patrick among his descendants is unusual.

[8] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV26-76MS : 10 June 2020), Patrick Devine, 1859; Burial, , ; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

[9] "Find a Grave Index," database, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV26-76MS : 10 June 2020), Patrick Devine, 1859; Burial, , ; citing record ID , *Find a Grave*, http://www.findagrave.com.

Appendix: NEHGS Research Report (Case M082918A-2)

The following material is a copy of a research report prepared by the New England Historic Genealogical Society concerning the parents of Patrick and John Devine and related DNA analysis. It is retained here for reference.

Who were the parents of brothers Patrick and John Devine?

According to previous research:

• Patrick Devine was born about 1803 in Ireland and died on 28 December 1859 in Monticello, Jones County, Iowa. He married Rosanna Sheridan on 12 August 1848 in Madison, Morris County, New Jersey. After Patrick died, Rosanna lived in the household of her brother-in-law, John Devine, with her children.

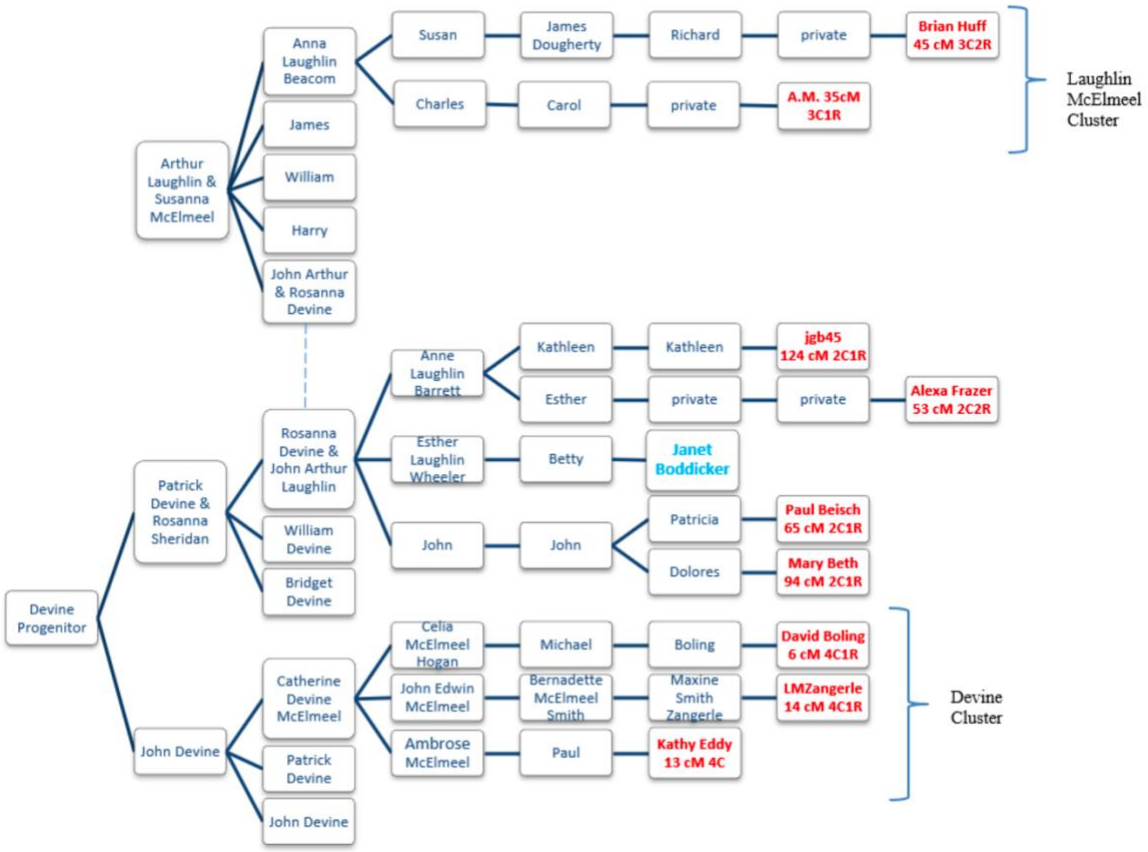
• John Devine was born about 1806 in Ireland, possibly in County Kildare, and died on 21 November 1865 in Delaware County, Iowa. He married Mary Fox on 26 February 1835 in Balyna Catholic parish, County Kildare. They had four children in the townlands of Kilmore and Clonagh.

• No Devine or Fox families appear to be in the Kilmore and Clonagh area before John's marriage in 1835. The families may have moved to the area to work on the Royal Canal.

• It is possible the Devine family was originally from County Meath or another nearby area.

This research uses AncestryDNA matches to learn more about the Devine family and its associated lines. Besides you and your siblings, you have tested your cousin Paul Beisch, and your 2nd cousin, once removed Janet Boddicker. Because Janet is an older generation than you, she will share more DNA in common with potential Devine matches, and we focused on her DNA results.

You have identified different groups of matches descending from different branches of the greater Devine family tree. These include the Laughlin McElmeel Cluster and the Devine Cluster. To better understand the overall Devine tree, we created the following visual representation and identified some matches in the different groups. Janet Boddicker is shown in blue, and her matches in red, with the number of centimorgans in common and their relationship.



Matches in the Laughlin McElmeel Cluster are not very useful in determining the parents of Patrick and John Devine, as these matches do not carry Devine DNA.